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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7978

BILL NUMBER: SB 638

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Merger of Townships.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows township governments to merge upon adoption of identical resolutions by the township boards and an ordinance by the county legislative body. The bill also allows merged township governments to dissolve the merged government and be reestablished as separate governments upon adoption of an ordinance by the county legislative body.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill allows two or more townships to merge if each participating township adopts identical resolutions approving a merger. The county legislative body where the townships are located must adopt an ordinance ordering the merger. The county legislative body can not adopt an ordinance ordering a merger after January 1 of a year in which a general election is held and a township trustee is elected. The merger becomes effective when the officers of the new township are elected. The bill also provides procedures for dissolving a township government merger.

The merging of townships could reduce township expenses if there was a net reduction in personnel funded by the new township. The savings would depend on the townships merged and expenditures of the old townships.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Townships, Counties.

Information Sources:

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